

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT
APPLICATION

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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): John Forster et al.

Appln. No.: 09 | 786,204

Series Code ↑ | Serial No. ↑

Filed: March 2, 2001

Title: Edge-Lit Illumination System

Group Art Unit 2875

Examiner: Hargobind S. Sawhney

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APPLICATIONS, OR REEXAMINATION OF
PATENTSHon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 16, 2002

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITESThis application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).****Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☐ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
4. ☒ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☒ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement

☒ IDS Letter

☐ Cited Appln

☐ Foreign Search Report/OA

☒ PTO-1449

☒ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of ___ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the **original** due date to cover the date this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our Deposit Account (see below)

(1 mo) \$110/\$55

(2 mos) \$400/\$200 + 0

(3 mos) \$920/\$460
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$740 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$370 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. **081903 / 0277103**

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